IN THE CLAIMS

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

1. (Currently amended) A sealable storage container, comprising:

a container having an upper edge, sides and a bottom;

a closure comprising:

a frame;

a cover panel which is at least partially removable;

and a fusion ring for bonding the closure to the upper top edge of the container wherein the fusion ring is injection-molded concurrently with the frame and placed in contact with the cover panel and wherein the frame is molded around the cover panel.

2. (Original) The storage container of claim 1 wherein the frame includes a means for facilitating the placement of the closure on the container.

3. (Original) The storage container of claim 2 wherein the means for facilitating the placement of the closure on the container is a pair of downwardly extending legs which form a channel into which the upper edge is inserted.

4. (Original) The storage container of claim 1 wherein the frame includes a means for facilitating stacking a plurality of storage containers.

5. (Original) The storage container of claim 4 wherein the means for facilitating stacking a plurality of storage containers comprises an upwardly extending peripheral rim which accepts the bottom of one of the plurality of storage containers.

6. (Cancelled)

7. (Original) The storage container of claim 1 wherein the cover panel is made from a thermoplastic polymeric material.

8. (Original) The storage container of claim 1 wherein the cover panel includes a grip means for removing at least a portion of the cover panel.

9. (Cancelled)

10. (Original) The storage container of claim 8 wherein the grip means is a ring pull which is attached to the surface of the cover panel.

11. (Cancelled)

12. (Previously presented) The storage container of claim 1 wherein the fusion ring is made from an electromagnetic, polymeric, fusible material.

13. (Previously presented) The storage container of claim 1 wherein the fusion ring bonds the closure to the container by means of the non-contact application of an electromagnetic field.

14. (Original) The storage container of claim 1 wherein the means for bonding the closure to the container is the application of an electromagnetic field.

15. (Original) The storage container of claim 1 wherein the cover portion includes means for removing a portion of the cover panel.

16. (Original) The storage container of claim 15 wherein the means for removing a portion of the cover panel is selected from the group consisting of opposing pre-scored cuts in the cover panel; offset pre-scored cuts in the cover panel; and aligned, pre-scored cuts in the cover panel.

17. (Currently amended) A sealable storage container, comprising:

a container having an upper edge, sides and a bottom;

a closure comprising:

a frame including a pair of downwardly extending legs which form a channel into which the upper edge is inserted and an upwardly extending peripheral rim;

a cover panel which is at least partially removable; and

a fusion ring made from fusible material for bonding the closure to the upper top edge of the container by means of the non-contact application of an electromagnetic field, wherein the fusion ring is injection-molded concurrently with the frame.

18. (Original) The storage container of claim 17 wherein the cover portion includes means for removing a portion of the cover panel, wherein the means is selected from the group consisting of opposing pre-scored cuts in the cover panel; offset pre-scored cuts in the cover panel; and aligned, pre-scored cuts in the cover panel.

19. (Currently amended) A sealable storage container, comprising:

a container having an upper edge, sides and a lower edge;

at least one closure, each at least one closure comprising:

a frame;

a cover panel which is at least partially removable; and

a fusion ring for bonding the closure to the upper top edge of the container wherein the fusion ring is injection-molded concurrently with the frame and placed in contact with the cover panel and wherein the frame is molded around the cover panel.

20. (Cancelled)

21. (Original) The storage container of claim 19 wherein the cover panel is made from a thermoplastic polymeric material.

22. (Original) The storage container of claim 19 wherein the cover panel includes a grip means for removing at least a portion of the cover panel.

23. (Cancelled)

24. (Original) The storage container of claim 23 wherein the fusion ring is made from an electro-magnetic, polymeric, fusible material.

25. (Original) The storage container of claim 24 wherein the fusion ring bonds the closure to the container by means of the non-contact application of an electromagnetic field.

26. (Original) The storage container of claim 19 wherein the means for bonding the closure to the container is the application of an electromagnetic field.

27. (Original) The storage container of claim 19 wherein the cover portion includes means for removing a portion of the cover panel, the means selected from the group consisting of opposing pre-scored cuts in the cover panel; offset pre-scored cuts in the cover panel; and aligned, pre-scored cuts in the cover panel.

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